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SUBJECT: GENERAL ZIA THANKS OPEC FOR NOT RAISING OIL PRICES

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:
1. GENERAL ZIA TOOK THE OCCASION OF THE INAUGURATION OF THE EXPANSION OF THE NATIONAL REFINERY JANUARY 17 TO THANK SAUDI ARABIA AND IRAN FOR TAKING A "CORRECT" STAND AT THE RECENT OPEC MEETING AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE OPEC STATES WOULD CONTINUE "TO ADOPT SUCH AN APPROACH AS WOULD HAVE THE LEAST NEGATIVE EFFECTS ON THE POOR STATES". IN THE COURSE OF HIS REMARKS, HE IS ALSO QUOTED AS SAYING THAT "THE TUSSLE BETWEEN THE OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES AND THE DEVELOPED NATIONS AFFECTS THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES LIKE PAKISTAN WHO HAVE NEITHER INFLUENCE NOR STRENGTH TO FACE THEM. THEIR TUSSLE AFFECTS THE PACE OF DEVELOPMENT IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."
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2. HE ALSO SAID THAT PAKISTAN MET 85 PERCENT OF ITS OIL REQUIREMENT THROUGH IMPORTS AND THAT THE OIL IMPORT BILL HAD INCREASED BY 20-22 TIMES IN THE LAST SEVEN YEARS AS A RESULT OF FREQUENT PRICE HIKES BY OIL PRODUCING COUNTRIES AND INCREASE IN PAKISTAN'S OIL CONSUMPTION.
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3. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FIRST PUBLIC RECOGNITION OF THE ADVERSE EFFECTS ON PAKISTAN AND ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF OPEC'S PREVIOUS PRICING POLICIES AND IT COMES FROM PAKISTAN'S CURRENT CHIEF EXECUTIVE. IT IS GRATIFYING AND SHOULD BE USEFUL EVEN THOUGH IT IS COUPLED WITH A STATEMENT OF PAKISTAN'S INABILITY TO INFLUENCE OIL PRICING DECISIONS AND COMES AFTER THIS YEAR'S BATTLE ON OIL PRICES.
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